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, IF EMBASSY CONCURS, IT IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT TO MFA PROPOSAL OUTLINED REFTEL A WITH FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: ALTERNATIVE PORTS OF ENTRY (NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, D.C.) SHOULD BE OFFERED RECIPROCALLY AS OUTLINED IN REF A ONLY TO THE PERMANENT STAFFS OF THE SOVEMBASSY AND SOVCONGEN, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, TDYS TO EMBASSY AND CONGEN, SOVIET OFFICIALS IN TRANSIT, AND MEMBERS OF AEROFLOT CREWS. IN RETURN THE SOVIETS WOULD OFFER ALTERNATIVE PORTS OF ENTRY (MOSCOW/LENINGRAD/VYBORG) TO THE PERMANENT STAFFS OF THE USEMBASSY AND US CONGEN, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, TDYS TO EMBASSY AND CONGEN, US OFFICIALS IN TRANSIT, AND MEMBERS OF PANAM CREWS. PROVISIONS FOR PANAM AND AEROFLOT CREWS SHOULD SPECIFY THAT VISAS WILL BE VALID FOR TWO YEARS.

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2. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY MAY OFFER TO EXTEND ALTERNATIVE

PORTS OF ENTRY TO HOLDERS OF US G1, G2, G4 AND G5 VISAS
IN EXCHANGE FOR ABOLITION OF PORT OF EXIT REGULATIONS
INSOFAR AS THOSE REGULATIONS ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE FOR
US OFFICIALS THAN FOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS AMENDED PROPOSAL CONVEYED REFTEL A
BECAUSE A-2 VISAS ARE ISSUED TO THE PERMANENT STAFFS
OF AMTORG, AEROFLOT AND INTOURIST AS WELL AS TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE KAMA RIVER PURCHASING COMMISSION.
EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE PORTS OF ENTRY TO THEM SHOULD
BE CONDITIONED UPON SIMILAR SOVIET TREATMENT OF US
CITIZEN STAFFS OF PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSES.
DEPARTMENT WOULD CONCUR IN EMBASSY REWORDING PROPOSAL
TO MFA TO INCLUDE PERMANENT STAFFS OF BOTH AMERICAN
AND SOVIET COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. ALTERNATIVE PORT OF ENTRY TREATMENT SEEMS INAPPRO-
PRIATE FOR C-2 AND G-3 VISA CATEGORIES.

5. WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED, SOME VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE
AMENDED; DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THIS BE DONE IN MOSCOW
TO LESSEN CHANCE OF CONFUSION AT JFK AND DULLES.

6. SOVIET EMBASSY PRESENTED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT ON
MARCH 20 PROPOSING ENTRY/EXIT POINTS MOSCOW/LENINGRAD
FOR NEW YORK/WASHINGTON. SOVIET EMBASSY TOLD THAT
EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL HANDLE MATTER WITH MFA.

7. DEPARTMENT WILL COMMENT ON PANAM TICKETING AND
TRAVEL PROBLEM IN SEPTTEL. RUSH

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